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To the county chairs, co-chairs, delegates, and committee men and committee women of Michigan.

No matter where you stand on the issue with the MI GOP chair, it is crucial to acknowledge that our free will to choose does not alter the truth as dictated by the unyielding facts. In a world where opinions and beliefs often clash, it is easy to get lost in the noise. Yet, deep within the realms of reason and logic, lies an unwavering bedrock of reality that remains impervious to our subjective interpretations. The truth, like an unwavering beacon, stands resolute, unaffected by the ebb and flow of human sentiment. It is a reminder that, while we possess the freedom to shape our perspectives, the immutable nature of truth remains steadfast, grounding us in a world governed by veracity and evidence.

In our American form of government, the power of the majority vote is indeed a cornerstone of our principles. When the state delegates, representing the collective will of the people, rally behind a particular cause or decision, it becomes the resounding voice of the majority. However, the beauty of liberty and freedom lies not only in the power of the majority, but also in the respect and consideration afforded to the minority. Those who find themselves in the lesser group, holding divergent beliefs, face a crossroads. They possess the freedom to either accept the outcome graciously, recognizing the importance of collective decision-making, or to reject it with conviction, standing firm in their own principles. It is a delicate balance, for while accepting the majority's decision is an act of humility and unity, completely denying its validity and resorting to creating dissenting factions can lead to a fracturing of the very ideals we hold dear. It is a testament to the complexity of human nature and the intricate dance between individual autonomy and the greater good of our communities.

As the anticipation builds and the stage is set for the upcoming convention in Detroit, there is an undeniable air of excitement and expectation. The murmurs of speculation and intrigue permeate the political landscape, for it has become abundantly clear that a significant portion of the delegates, aptly referred to as the "majority," will converge upon the hallowed grounds of the Huntington Place, formerly known as the Joe Louis arena. With each passing day, the momentum swells, drawing curious onlookers and impassioned supporters alike. The looming presence of Kristina Karamo, a figure whose charisma and conviction have captured the hearts and

minds of many, serves as a beacon of hope for those yearning for change. The stage is set, the players are ready, and as the clock ticks closer to March 2nd, the state of Michigan watches with bated breath, eager to witness the unfolding of a pivotal moment in history.

And yes, the word 'majority' is actually in the Michigan GOP bylaws several times. It does not mean that I think we're in a democracy, as we are, in fact, a republic, as some people had to state the obvious. Apparently, they don't even realize that the word 'majority' is in the Michigan bylaws.

Directly from the MI GOP bylaws:

- D. Paid Members. There shall be a "paid member" category of membership of the Committee. For the purposes of these Bylaws, the term "paid member" shall have the same meaning as Section 6(2)(a) of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act, or any successor or similar statute. In order to be eligible to become a paid member of the Committee on any given date, an individual must make a contribution to the Committee within eight (8) years from such date. If the requirements to become a paid member are otherwise met, each regular member, ex-officio member, or non-voting member may become a paid member of the Committee. Except pursuant to written authorization by the Chairman or by a majority vote of all of the regular members of the Committee: (1) there shall be no meetings of paid members; (2) paid members shall not have a voice or vote on any matter before the Committee or any subcommittee of the Committee; and (3) paid members, either individually or collectively, shall have no authority to speak or act on behalf of the Committee. The benefits of being a paid member of the Committee shall be determined from time to time by the Chairman. Notwithstanding anything in these Bylaws to the contrary, the Chairman may, at any time and for any reason or no reason, terminate an individual's status as a paid member of the Committee.
- 10. <u>Penalty</u>. Any member of the Committee who violates this Section shall lose their position on the Committee and shall remain ineligible for service on the Committee for a period of five (5) years from the time of discovery of the violation. An expelled member may become eligible for membership on the Committee before the five (5) year penalty period expires only if his or her penalty is waived by a majority vote of the regular members of the Committee.
- C. Quorum. A majority of the total membership of the Committee present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum to transact all business of the Committee except where the action of the Committee requires a larger number of members as specially set forth in these Bylaws.
- H. Quorum For Standing Committee Meetings. It shall be necessary to have a quorum present at every standing committee meeting, consisting of not less than a majority of the membership of such committee present in person or by proxy, before any standing committee business may be transacted; provided, however, that a quorum be present at a Budget Committee meeting shall consist of not less than two-fifths of the membership of such committee in person, before any Budget Committee business may be transacted.

ARTICLE VIII - Resolutions And Rules

Prior to action by the Michigan Republican State Committee, a resolution or rule (including, without limitation, rules for the selection of delegates to conventions, or rules to supersede state election law) must first be submitted in writing to the appropriate standing committee not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said committee meeting, by delivery of a copy of said resolution or rule to the Chairman or Secretary of said committee, and to the State Chairman. A copy thereof shall be mailed to all State Committee members not less than seven (7) days prior to their next meeting, provided that the foregoing provisions may be waived by a majority vote of the respective committee. After action by the appropriate standing committee, a resolution or rule shall be presented to the State Committee separate from the committee's report.

A majority of the delegates have the final say as to who they recognize as the chair of the Michigan GOP, firmly establishing their authority in the decision-making process. Their collective voice resounds powerfully, reflecting the essence of their role within the party. A majority of the delegates have spoken, and their voices are being heard loud and clear across this great state. This demonstration of unity and consensus underscores the significance of their collective will in shaping the future direction of the party within this great state.

Amidst the towering institutions that shape the political landscape, there exists a resilient force, unyielding to the whims of power and influence. It is a voice that echoes through the chambers of the heartland, resonating with the will of the many. No amount of legal prowess or political maneuvering can silence the resolute determination of the delegates in Michigan. They are the embodiment of liberty and freedom, a collective force that cannot be swayed by the weight of money or the seduction of power. In their unwavering unity, they stand as a testament to the untamed spirit of the people, reminding the people of Michigan that true power lies not in the corridors of authority, but in the hearts of the people who dare to dream of a better tomorrow.

In the face of those who wield their wealth and influence as weapons, attempting to stifle the collective voice of the majority of the delegates, there emerges a majority, resolute and unyielding. This steadfast and patriotic delegate majority embodies the spirit of free will, an indomitable force that cannot be swayed by the allure of power, the art of manipulation, or the trappings of political recognition. They stand tall, undeterred by the attempts to silence them, their unwavering resolve a testament to the strength of their convictions. With every breath, they defy the notion that money can buy loyalty or that power can bend principles. Their presence is a reminder that true power lies not in the hands of the privileged few, but in the unwavering determination of those who stand firmly for what they believe in.

And at the end of the day, as the dust settles and the echoes of dissent fade away, it becomes clear that it is the collective voice of the majority of delegates that holds the power to shape the future of our state. Regardless of the discontent simmering within the ranks of the minority, their reservations, their doubts, their disapproval, their unacceptance, all fade into insignificance against the resolute will of the majority. For in this American form of governance, where decisions are made and destinies are forged, it is the will and the harmony of the majority that reigns supreme. To disregard their voice, their choice, would be to jeopardize the very essence of our American government system, to undermine the very foundations upon which our nation stands. It is an act that reeks of disrespect and challenges the integrity of the American governing process. It is a dangerous dance with chaos, a tempest fluttered with tyranny and a flirtation with anarchy. For in the grand tapestry of liberty and freedom, the will of the majority remains the guiding light, the compass that steers our ship of state. To flout it, to diminish its importance, is to cast a shadow upon the principles that bind us as a state and as a nation.